



## Small Civil Affairs Team taking on big community missions

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The 478th Civil Affairs Battalion from Miami, Fla. arrived in Baghdad Feb. 4 to replace the 422nd Civil Affairs Bn. from Greensboro, N.C.

The newly arriving Army Reserve unit has not wasted any time in getting out into the community and continuing the projects established by the 422nd and establishing new projects with the local advisory councils.

"Our Soldiers are happy to finally be on the ground in Iraq and to be working with the local citizens in improving the lives of the citizens," said Lt. Col. Colonel Wilfredo Rosario, 478th commander.

"We have civil affairs teams throughout the Baghdad area that are focusing on the problems of the citizens in the various neighborhoods in the city," he said.

"We are working with the neighborhood advisory councils and the district advisory councils to find solutions to the problems."

Team leader Capt. Mathew Pederson from Orlando, Fla. heads a six-Soldier civil affairs team that has been working in the Karkh District for the last month.

"Our team has had a real advantage here because we were able to train with the 1st Cavalry Division, the unit we will be supporting here," he said.

The team has served with the "First Team" Division in Louisiana and in Texas before deploying to Iraq.

"Those prior deployments gave us confidence in our own team and the unit we will be supporting. We don't have to build relationships here from scratch," Pederson said.

"Our team is made up of two policemen, a court employee, a hospital case manager, a university student majoring in commercial recreation and a small business owner who manufactures artificial limbs and leg braces," said Karkh District Team Sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Martin DuMond from Miami, Fla.

The diversity of team's backgrounds allows them to see problems from different angles and to visualize different solutions, he said.

"We feel we are making a positive impact on the lives of the Iraqi people," he said.

Sgt. Christopher Cummings of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. is working on assessing the medical facilities within Karkh and the possible restoration of a children's hospital.

Working with the neighborhood advisory council at Al-Shawaf Park in the Salhiya neighborhood in restoring the park is the mission for Sgt. Jose Villafana of Gainesville, Fla. The new park will have a playground, basketball court,



**The B Team, 478th Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Miami, Fla., will provide Civil Affairs aid to the Karkh District. Courtesy photo.**

and benches once the rubble is removed, he said.

"Like parents everywhere, the local citizens want a place that is safe and clean for their children to play," he said.

Sgt. Gilbert Cuellar of Amarillo, Texas will work with the Director General of public transportation. He is leading an effort to clean up the Al-Alawee bus station and provide greater security to the passengers.

Spc. Ryan Schorer of Melbourne, Fla. has been assigned as the project manager for the Umar Al-Mukhtar secondary school in the Salhiya neighborhood. The school officials have requested help in securing a metal addition to the concrete fence around the school.

This will provide the students with greater security, he said.

"Our team is operating under the old saying that if you give a man a fish you have given him a meal, but if you teach him how to fish you are feeding him for life," he said.

"We want to work with the civilian population in finding solutions to problems,"

"We are a small team but we think we are doing big things. We look forward to the civil affairs challenges in the future," Pederson said.

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## **NEWS...**

### **EU Calls Emergency Meetings on Terrorism**

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The European Union will hold high-level security talks on Friday to assess what additional anti-terrorism measures to take in the wake of the bombings in Madrid, the Irish prime minister announced Monday.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said proposals would include a "solidarity clause" committing nations to help each other in response to terror attacks, the appointment of a special EU official to coordinate counterterrorism operations in Europe, improved intelligence sharing and closer cooperation with non-EU nations to combat terrorism at a global level.

### **Sharon Rules Out Talks With Palestinians**

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Monday ruled out peace negotiations with the Palestinians, charging they were doing nothing to stop attacks against Israelis. Sharon said he would coordinate his next steps with the United States but would conduct no such talks with the Palestinians.

### **AP: Privacy Protecting Programs Killed**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two cutting-edge computer projects designed to preserve the privacy of Americans were quietly killed while Congress was restricting Pentagon data-gathering research in a widely publicized effort to protect innocent citizens from futuristic anti-terrorism tools.

As a result, the government is quietly pressing ahead with research into high-powered computer data-mining technology without the two most advanced privacy protections developed to police those terror-fighting tools.

### **Martha Stewart Quits Company Board**

NEW YORK (AP) - Martha Stewart resigned Monday from the board and as chief creative officer of the media empire she built, a little more than a week after she was convicted of lying to federal investigators related to a 2001 stock sale.

The self-made queen of domestic arts will remain affiliated with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. in a new role of founding editorial director.

## ***Thought for the day...***

### **"Good For Something"**

Helen Hayes once said, "achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others, and that's nice too, but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success."

This feeling is reflected in the words of Henry Thoreau who once wrote, "Be not simply good; be good for something."

## ***And in other news...***

### **Calif. Officials Nearly Fall for H2O Hoax**

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. (AP) -- City officials were so concerned about the potentially dangerous properties of dihydrogen monoxide that they considered banning foam cups after they learned the chemical was used in their production.

Then they learned, to their chagrin, that dihydrogen monoxide - H2O for short - is the scientific term for water.

"It's embarrassing," said City Manager David J. Norman. "We had a paralegal who did bad research."

The paralegal apparently fell victim to one of the many official looking Web sites that have been put up by pranksters to describe dihydrogen monoxide as "an odorless, tasteless chemical" that can be deadly if accidentally inhaled.

As a result, the City Council of this Orange County suburb had been scheduled to vote next week on a proposed law that would have banned the use of foam containers at city-sponsored events. Among the reasons given for the ban were that they were made with a substance that could "threaten human health and safety."

The measure has been pulled from the agenda, although Norman said the city may still eventually ban foam cups.

"If you get Styrofoam into the water and it breaks apart, it's virtually impossible to clean up," Norman said.

### **Porn Director, Church Make PSA for Kids**

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Just because he makes his living directing pornographic films doesn't mean James DiGiorgio wants children watching them.

That's why the veteran director took a recent day off from filming his usual adult fare to make a public service announcement for a Christian anti-pornography group. Its message: Parents, keep your adult videos and magazines out of the hands of your children.

"This stuff is not for kids, like liquor and cigarettes are not for kids. We have to take extraordinary steps to protect them from it, said DiGiorgio, the father of two children.

Still, the irony of making a film starring children's puppets instead of porn stars wasn't lost on him.

"It's kind of like you stepped into an alternate reality," he said.

Making the film for XXXchurch.com, he said, has led some members of the porn industry to denounce him as a turncoat.

The organization was founded by youth pastors Craig Gross of Fireproof Ministries and Mike Foster of Crossroads Christian Church, both based in Corona. The two believe mainstream ministries aren't doing enough to proselytize against pornography.

They said their efforts have met with scorn from both the religious right, which has complained of their willingness to consort with pornographers, and fans of pornography who object to their criticism.

Their last public service announcement, which featured a dwarf and the tag line "Porn stunts your growth" was broadcast on MTV, Comedy Central and the E Channel until the organization Little People of America objected.

## **Today in History...**

### **March 16, 1926: FIRST LIQUID-FUELED ROCKET**

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) The first man to give hope to dreams of space travel is American Robert H. Goddard, who successfully launches the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts, on March 16, 1926. The rocket traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away. The rocket was 10 feet tall, constructed out of thin pipes, and was fueled by liquid oxygen and gasoline.

The Chinese developed the first military rockets in the early 13th century using gunpowder and probably built firework rockets at an earlier date. Gunpowder-propelled military rockets appeared in Europe sometime in the 13th century, and in the 19th century British engineers made several important advances in early rocket science.

In 1903, an obscure Russian inventor named Konstantin E. Tsiolkovsky published a treatise on the theoretical problems of using rocket engines in space, but it was not until Robert Goddard's work in the 1920s that anyone began to build the modern, liquid-fueled type of rocket that by the early 1960s would be launching humans into space.

Goddard, born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1882, became fascinated with the idea of space travel after reading the H.G. Wells' science fiction novel *War of the Worlds* in 1898. He began building gunpowder rockets in 1907 while a student at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and continued his rocket experiments as a physics doctoral student and then physics professor at Clark University.

He was the first to prove that rockets can propel in an airless vacuum like space and was also the first to explore mathematically the energy and thrust potential of various fuels, including liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen. He received U.S. patents for his concepts of a multistage rocket and a liquid-fueled rocket, and secured grants from the Smithsonian Institute to continue his research.

In 1919, his classic treatise *A Method of Reaching Extreme Altitudes* was published by the Smithsonian. The work outlined his mathematical theories of rocket propulsion and proposed the future launching of an unmanned rocket to the moon. The press picked up on Goddard's moon-rocket proposal and for the most part ridiculed the scientist's innovative ideas. In January 1920, *The New York Times* printed an editorial declaring that Dr. Goddard "seems to lack the knowledge ladled out daily in high schools" because he thought that rocket thrust would be effective beyond the earth's atmosphere. (Three days before the first Apollo lunar-landing mission in July 1969, the *Times* printed a correction to this editorial.)

In December 1925, Goddard tested a liquid-fueled rocket in the physics building at Clark University. He wrote that the rocket, which was secured in a static rack, "operated satisfactorily and lifted its own weight." On March 16, 1926, Goddard accomplished the world's first launching of a liquid-fueled rocket from his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn.

Goddard continued his innovative rocket work until his death in 1945. His work was recognized by the aviator Charles A. Lindbergh, who helped secure him a grant from the Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics. Using these funds, Goddard set up a testing ground in Roswell, New Mexico, which operated from 1930 until 1942. During his tenure there, he made 31 successful flights, including one of a rocket that reached 1.7 miles off the ground in 22.3 seconds.

Meanwhile, while Goddard conducted his limited tests without official U.S. support, Germany took the initiative in rocket development and by September 1944 was launching its V-2 guided missiles against Britain to devastating effect.

During the war, Goddard worked in developing a jet-thrust booster for a U.S. Navy seaplane. He would not live to see the major advances in rocketry in the 1950s and '60s that would make his dreams of space travel a reality. NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, is named in his honor.

### **RC benefits briefings**

Reserve Component Soldiers are invited to attend a weekly USAR/AGR benefits briefing with Sgt. 1st Class Goodley, USAR from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division.

The briefing takes place Fridays at the Soldier's Support Center on BIAP at 10 a.m.

All Reserve Component soldiers or Active Army Soldiers interested in what the USAR has to offer are invited.

This briefing is a joint effort between the outgoing 1st Armored Division Command Career Counselor, Sgt. Maj. Jaranowski and the incoming 1st Cavalry Division Command Career Counselor, Sgt. Maj. Henry, as a service to all of our forces in theater.





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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - WOOD CHIPPER	TODAY		00:00
00:30	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):			AFNEWS ON ASSIGNMENT	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE SPANISH PRISONER		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00		NHL - NEW JERSEY DEVILS @ NY RANGERS	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - BEACH BOYZ AND GIRL/ X-TREME IDEAS	DRAGON TALES (TVY): - SNEEZY DOES IT/ TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA - PHOENIX SUNS @ HOUSTON ROCKETS		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - A WISH TOO FAR/ TINY TIMMY	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THREE MEN AND A COMIC BOOK	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - OFF TO THE RACES			04:30
05:00			J.A.G. (TVPG): - MELTDOWN (PT. 2)	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30		NHL 2NIGHT				05:30
06:00	NBA - SAN ANTONIO SPURS @ GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS	ESPNEWS	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - M. PREMIE UNPLUGGED	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	CELEBRITY PROFILES (TVPG): - SCOTT BAIO	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	FORREST GUMP		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		08:13
08:30	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET		ARTHUR (TVY): - THE BLIZZARD/ THE RAT WHO CAME TO DINNER	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	TOTALLY NASCAR			DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - QUAILMAN VII- QUAIL DAD		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DRAGON TALES (TVY): - SNEEZY DOES IT/ TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVG): - DRIVEN TO INSANITY	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
11:00	AFL - LOS ANGELES AVENGERS @ GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - BEACH BOYZ AND GIRL/ X-TREME IDEAS	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - A WISH TOO FAR/ TINY TIMMY	HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THREE MEN AND A COMIC BOOK	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - OFF TO THE RACES	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			J.A.G. (TVPG): - MELTDOWN (PT. 2)	SMALLVILLE (TVPG): - WITNESS	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - M. PREMIE UNPLUGGED	35TH ANNUAL NAACP IMAGE AWARDS	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
15:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - POSTSEASON NIT - FIRST ROUND	TODAY	CELEBRITY PROFILES (TVPG): - SCOTT BAIO		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			FORREST GUMP	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	TENNIS - PACIFIC LIFE OPEN: EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 2	ARTHUR (TVY): - THE BLIZZARD/ THE RAT WHO CAME TO DINNER			HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - QUAILMAN VII- QUAIL DAD		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVG): - DRIVEN TO INSANITY			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		THE AMANDA SHOW	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - BEACH BOYZ AND GIRL/ X-TREME IDEAS	GREASE		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - A WISH TOO FAR/ TINY TIMMY			19:30
20:00	NBA FASTBREAK	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THREE MEN AND A COMIC BOOK		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - OFF TO THE RACES			20:30
21:00	MLB - BALTIMORE ORIOLES @ FLORIDA MARLINS	SMALLVILLE (TVPG): - WITNESS	J.A.G. (TVPG): - MELTDOWN (PT. 2)	BIG JAKE	FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
22:00		35TH ANNUAL NAACP IMAGE AWARDS	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - M. PREMIE UNPLUGGED		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00			CELEBRITY PROFILES (TVPG): - SCOTT BAIO	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30